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QUANTIFYING THE SAME

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement made in the action mailed November 12, 2008, the applicants elect species (B), i.e., wherein the vector does not comprise a nucleotide sequence encoding an IgM J chain. This election is made without traverse. Claims 1, 3-9, 11-14, 19, 20, 22-25, 34, 66, and 67 read on the currently elected species. Claims 1, 3, 5-14, 16-25, 34, 66, and 67 read on all of the species elected by applicants in the response submitted August 8, 2008. Claims 1, 3, 5-9, 11-14, 19, 20, 22-25, 34, 66, and 67 read on all of the elected species.

This response is being submitted with a Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 14875-155US1.

Respectfully submitted,

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